

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chairman Bob Lake, on April 17, 2009 at 1:00 P.M.,
in Room 152 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Bob Lake, Chairman (R)
Rep. Jill Cohenour, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Janna Taylor, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Dick Barrett (D)
Rep. Edward B. Butcher (R)
Rep. Wanda Grinde (D)
Rep. Robin Hamilton (D)
Rep. Brian Hoven (R)
Rep. Mike Jopek (D)
Rep. Mike Miller (R)
Rep. Art Noonan (D)
Rep. JP Pomnichowski (D)
Rep. Wayne Stahl (R)
Rep. Chas Vincent (R)
Rep. Brady Wiseman (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Mark Blasdel (R)
Rep. Dave McAlpin (D)
Rep. Lee Randall (R)
Rep. J. David Roundstone (D)
Rep. Jon Sonju (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Jeff Martin, Legislative Branch
Jennifer O'Loughlin, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HJ 43, 4/17/2009; SJ 37, 4/17/2009

Executive Action: HJ 43, SJ 37

HEARING ON HJ 43

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:08:46 Rep. Brady Wiseman (D), HD 65, opened the hearing on HJ 43, Study transparency in government spending and revenue requirements.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:13:01 Mary Whittinghill, Montana Taxpayers Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:14:14 Clayton Schenck, Legislative Fiscal Analyst

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:14:42 Rep. Hoven

00:15:01 Rep. Wiseman

Closing by Sponsor:

00:16:16 Rep. Wiseman

00:16:27 Chairman Lake closed the hearing.

HEARING ON SJ 37

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:13 Sen. Jeff Essmann (R), SD 28, opened the hearing on SJ 37, Resolution to study income tax filing by married taxpayers.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:01 Mary Whittinghill, Montana Taxpayers Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:04:31 Rep. Cohenour
00:05:09 Sen. Essmann
00:06:24 Rep. Cohenour
00:06:55 Sen. Essmann
00:07:41 Rep. Miller
00:08:03 Sen. Essmann

Closing by Sponsor:

00:08:27 Sen. Essmann

00:08:36 Chairman Lake closed the hearing.

00:16:40 Recess
00:19:43 Reconvene; Rep. Noonan did not return to the room.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 37

00:20:03 **Motion:** Rep. Jopek moved that **SJ 37 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:20:18 Rep. Cohenour
00:20:43 Rep. Hoven
00:20:57 Chairman Lake
00:21:12 Rep. Barrett

00:21:24 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Blasdel, Rep. McAlpin, Rep. Noonan, Rep. Randall, Rep. Roundstone, Rep. Sonju, and Rep. Stahl voted by proxy. Rep. Lake will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 43

00:22:04 **Motion:** Rep. Wiseman moved that **HJ 43 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:22:22 Rep. Wiseman

00:22:42 Chairman Lake

00:23:07 Rep. Cohenour

00:23:43 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Blasdel, Rep. McAlpin, Rep. Noonan, Rep. Randall, Rep. Roundstone, Rep. Sonju, and Rep. Stahl voted by proxy.

Discussion and Action on Letter
to the Interim Revenue and Transportation Committee

00:24:17 Mr. Martin, Legislative Services Division
EXHIBIT(tah82a01)

00:24:37 Rep. Cohenour

00:25:15 Chairman Lake

00:25:30 Mr. Martin

00:27:29 Rep. Cohenour

00:28:03 Chairman Lake

00:28:16 Rep. Jopek

00:28:52 Chairman Lake

00:28:56 Rep. Cohenour

00:29:54 Rep. Jopek

00:30:06 Chairman Lake

00:30:14 Rep. Taylor

00:30:26 Mr. Martin

00:31:06 Rep. Taylor

00:31:56 Rep. Cohenour

00:32:48 Rep. Wiseman

00:33:49 Rep. Taylor

00:35:04 Chairman Lake

00:35:14 Rep. Hoven

00:35:32 Chairman Lake

00:35:47 Rep. Barrett

00:36:20 Chairman Lake

00:36:37 Rep. Barrett

00:37:10 Rep. Miller

00:37:30 Rep. Butcher

00:38:18 Chairman Lake

00:38:45 Rep. Cohenour

00:39:38 Chairman Lake

00:39:58 Rep. Cohenour

00:40:13 **Motion:** Rep. Barrett moved that **THE LETTER BE CONCEPTUALLY AMENDED** (refer to Exhibit 1).

00:41:00 Chairman Lake

00:41:23 **Motion:** Rep. Grinde moved that **THE LETTER BE APPROVED AS CONCEPTUALLY AMENDED.**

00:42:23 Rep. Barrett
 00:42:30 Chairman Lake
 00:42:46 Rep. Jopek
 00:42:58 Chairman Lake
 00:43:07 Rep. Grinde
 00:43:15 Rep. Cohenour
 00:43:33 Chairman Lake
 00:43:42 Rep. Taylor
 00:44:52 Chairman Lake
 00:45:04 Rep. Grinde
 00:45:20 Rep. Cohenour
 00:46:11 Chairman Lake

00:46:17 **VOTE:** The motion to **APPROVE THE LETTER AS AMENDED** carried 16-4 by voice vote, with Rep. Blasdel, Rep. Sonju, Rep. Taylor, and Rep. Taylor voting no. Rep. Blasdel, Rep. McAlpin, Rep. Noonan, Rep. Randall, Rep. Roundstone, Rep. Sonju, and Rep. Stahl voted by proxy.

00:46:57 Rep. Cohenour moved that **THE LETTER BE CONCEPTUALLY AMENDED.**

Discussion:

00:47:30 Rep. Pomnichowski
 00:48:26 Mr. Martin
 00:48:36 Chairman Lake
 00:48:45 Rep. Barrett
 00:49:05 Rep. Cohenour

00:49:29 **VOTE:** The motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Blasdel, Rep. McAlpin, Rep. Noonan, Rep. Randall, Rep. Roundstone, Rep. Sonju, and Rep. Stahl voted by proxy.

00:49:55 Rep. Wiseman
 00:50:34 Chairman Lake
 00:51:30 Rep. Cohenour
 00:51:48 Chairman Lake
 00:52:31 Mr. Martin
 00:53:25 Rep. Miller

ADJOURNMENT

00:53:34 Adjournment: 2:00 P.M.

Jennifer O'Loughlin, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([tah82aad.pdf](#))